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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. CYPRUS: EC-NINE SEEK A "PARALLEL APPROACH"

ITALIAN POLITICAL DIRECTOR PLAJA HAS TOLD EMBASSY ROME THAT THE EC-NINE, CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF MOVEMENT ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE, HAVE APPROACHED THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES COULD WORK OUT A "PARALLEL APPROACH" TO THAT OF THE UN. REACTION TO THE EC-NINE PROPOSAL WAS MIXED;

--MAKARIOS SAID HE WAS INTERESTED, IF IT COULD BE DONE QUIETLY AND WITHOUT INTERFERING IN WALDHEIM'S EFFORTS. MAKARIOS ALSO GAVE THE IMPRESSION HE MIGHT BE WILLING TO MAKE FURTHER CONCESSIONS IF HE COULD GET HIS REQUIREMENTS ON THE AMOUNT OF TERRITORY UNDER TURKISH CONTROL.

--CARAMANLIS WAS PESSIMISTIC AND INDICATED THERE WAS  
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NOT MUCH HOPE FOR PROGRESS UNLESS OTHER COUNTRIES

EXERTED PRESSURE ON THE TURKS.

--DEMIREL TOOK A HARD LINE AND REFUSED TO GIVE ANY SIGN OF WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE EC INITIATIVE.

--WALDHEIM SEEMED PRIMARILY CONCERNED THAT SUCH AN INITIATIVE NOT INTERFERE WITH HIS PERSONAL ACTIVITIES.

IN ANOTHER CONVERSATION, FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES TOLD AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD THAT MAKARIOS HAS ACCEPTED THE EC-NINE'S INITIATIVE AND IS WILLING TO ACCEPT BIZONALITY AS A STARTING POINT. HOWEVER, MAKARIOS IS INSISTENT THAT THE INITIATIVE NOT SUPPLANT THE CURRENT UN-SPONSORED NEGOTIATIONS. CHRISTOPHIDES FURTHER:

--URGED THAT THE EC INITIATIVE START BEFORE THE LIMA NONALIGNED CONFERENCE, SINCE THE GOC'S POSTURE THERE AND LATER IN NEW YORK WILL DEPEND UPON HOW MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. (CONFIDENTIAL) ATHENS 5893 (EXDIS), (CONFIDENTIAL) NICOSIA 2407 (LIMDIS) AND (CONFIDENTIAL) ROME 11216, 8/4.)

## 2. MIKI SEEKS TO AVOID US/JAPAN BOILERPLATE

COMMENTING ON PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S DESIRE TO HAVE FRANK INFORMAL EXCHANGES WITH US LEADERS, EMBASSY TOKYO WRITES:

--MIKI HAS REFUSED TO BE PINNED DOWN AS TO PRECISELY WHAT HE WILL SAY OR AGREE TO WHILE IN THE US, SAYING ONLY THAT HE SEEKS A BROAD "CREATIVE" CONCEPT IN WHICH THE SECURITY TREATY AND SECURITY CONCERNS PLAY AN IMPORTANT IF NOT DOMINANT ROLE.

--INTENT ON PUTTING HIS OWN IMPRESS ON HIS FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC JOURNEY, HE HAS RELIED FOR ADVICE AS MUCH--IF NOT MORE--ON LONGTIME POLITICAL CRONIES AS ON THE BUREAUCRACY. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 10728, 7/4.)

## 3. JAPAN AND FRANCE UNLIKELY TO SUPPORT ROK UN MOVES

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NOTING THE NOMINAL SUPPORT JAPAN IS GIVING TO SOUTH KOREA'S UN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, USUN COMMENTS THAT:

--THE JAPANESE SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE A PROCEDURAL DEADLOCK THAT PREVENTS ACTION ON ANY APPLICATION; BUT

--IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE JAPANESE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD OUT IN THE FACE OF THE COMPLEX PROCEDURAL MANEUVERING.

THE JAPANESE ENVOY, ALTHOUGH FRIENDLY AND SKILLFUL, DOES NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GOJ HAS GIVEN HIM INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT THE US.

ALSO, EMBASSY PARIS HAS CONCLUDED AFTER CONVERSATIONS AT THE QUAI THAT THE FRENCH CANNOT BE COUNTED ON TO JOIN PROCEDURAL MOVES TO BLOCK SEPARATE CONSIDERATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS OF SOUTH KOREA, NORTH VIETNAM AND SOUTH VIETNAM. IN KEEPING WITH GOF SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY, THE FRENCH WILL VOTE FOR THE INSCRIPTION OF ALL THREE COUNTRIES ON THE AGENDA AND VOTE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ALL THREE. (SECRET) USUN 3539 (EXDIS) AND PARIS 20156, 8/5.)

#### 4. ISRAEL GAINS SUPPORT ON UN ISSUE FROM SOCIALIST MEETING

ISRAELI AMBASSADOR IDAN TOLD AMBASSADOR STRAUSSZ-HUPE THAT RABIN WAS "NON-PLUSSED" BY UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S LAST MINUTE REQUEST FOR A MEETING IN STOCKHOLM.

--RABIN SPECULATES WALDHEIM'S PRINCIPAL MOTIVE FOR SEEKING THE MEETING WAS TO REEMPHASIZE HIS OWN (AND THE UN'S) ROLE IN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A MIDDLE EAST PEACE.

IDAN ALSO INDICATED THAT THE SOCIALIST LEADERS IN THEIR AUGUST 2 MEETING IN STOCKHOLM NOT ONLY ASSURED RABIN OF THEIR OWN DETERMINATION TO BLOCK EFFORTS TO OUST ISRAEL FROM  
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THE UN, BUT ALSO PROMISED TO APPROACH OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT.

#### 5. SYRIA AND IRAQ STILL AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS

OUR INTERESTS SECTION IN BAGHDAD REPORTS THAT THE SYRIAN-IRAQI CONFLICT SHOWS NO SIGNS OF ABATING AND THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE IRAQIS ARE MAKING MILITARY COUNTERMOVES TO SOME SYRIAN DEPLOYMENT. THE IRAQIS HAVE LAUNCHED A PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ASAD REGIME AIMED AT UNDERCUTTING ASAD IN THE ARAB WORLD. REGARDING THE BITTER PROPAGANDA WAR, THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT:

--IRAQ HAS BEEN RELATIVELY SUCCESSFUL IN ISOLATING SYRIA IN THE ARAB WORLD; AND

--THE IRAQIS WOULD LIKE TO USE A GOLAN AGREEMENT TO TOPPLE ASAD AND REPLACE HIM WITH A MORE AMENABLE BAATHIST REGIME. (CONFIDENTIAL) BAGHDAD 879, 8/2.)

6. SYRIA

A. SYRIA WILL CONTINUE ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISRAEL...

IN A REPETITION OF AN OLD THEME, FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM TOLD AMBASSADOR MURPHY THAT SYRIA INTENDS ITS WORLDWIDE ANTI-ISRAEL CAMPAIGN TO SUPPLEMENT US EFFORTS TO EXERT PRESSURE ON THE GOI. KHADDAM FURTHER:

--INDICATED THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE OAU CONFERENCE AT KAMPALA AND WOULD CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS AT LIMA;

--CAUTIONED THAT THE USG SHOULD ADOPT A MORE REALISTIC ATTITUDE REGARDING ITS OWN INTERESTS BECAUSE WE WILL FAIL ON THE ISSUE OF ISRAEL'S UN STATUS.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: GIVEN THE OUTCOME AT KAMPALA, KHADDAM WAS DISPLAYING REMARKABLE SANG FROID. HOWEVER, HE MAY HAVE BEEN HINTING THAT THE OAU DEBATE SERVED SYRIA'S BASIC PURPOSE IN THIS WHOLE AFFAIR BY FOCUSING INTENSIVE WORLD PUB-  
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LICITY ON THE MIDDLE EAST CONFRONTATION AND, IN PARTICULAR, ON WHY THE ARABS VIEW ISRAEL AS INTRANSIGENT.

B. BUT ACKNOWLEDGES ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST?

INTERPRETING PRESIDENT ASAD'S STATEMENT THAT ARAB CHIEFS OF STATE DO NOT CONTEMPLATE DISCUSSION OF PEACE WITH ISRAEL IN THE NEAR OR REMOTE FUTURE, KHADDAM EXPLAINED THAT ONLY WHEN A STATE OF PEACE EXISTS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARABS CAN ONE BEGIN TO LOOK AHEAD TO NORMAL RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR MURPHY DESCRIBES THIS AS THE MOST POSITIVE STATEMENT ABOUT ISRAEL'S FUTURE THAT HE HAS EVER HEARD KHADDAM MAKE. (CONFIDENTIAL) DAMASCUS 2976 (EXDIS) AND (CONFIDENTIAL) DAMASCUS 2977, 8/4.  
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